

## **Theme**

Walk Forward in Love

## **Scripture**

Philippians 3:13-14 (NASB)

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Song

Walking in the Way of Love by Lauren Lawson

\*The music resources for this song are included in the Theme Resource Packet.

## \* Important Message \*

This year PWOC is undergoing changes in structure. While this has presented challenges, we also see that God has a plan and the road ahead is part of His perfect will. Knowing that God is creating something new, we are walking forward in love yet remembering our treasured beginnings.

Just as PWOCI is going through changes, so do our lives. As women connected to the military, we experience change on a fairly persistent basis. We must examine our response to what God has allowed in our life. Some women get trapped by the sins or experiences of the past and cannot accept the forgiveness that is freely given in order to walk forward. Others get held by the satisfying times of the past that will not allow them to fully experience the gifts of today and cannot walk forward. Rather than being trapped in the past, we need to remember the faithfulness of God in former times to spur us on in the journey ahead. We must embrace God's will for today and walk forward in love!

We all walk toward the heavenly goal as the result of the love relationship that we have with God through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. But we don't have to walk this journey alone. God promises to be with us on the walk and gives us the Holy Spirit, His comforter. Additionally, we have the support and fellowship of Christian sisters. Some have been through similar situations and can lead us, some are walking the same course we are on and others will be encouraged as they see us triumph because we are empowered by the love of Christ.

Our goal this year is to lovingly remember what God has done in the past and to boldly walk forward on the path He is creating for us. As we walk forward, we are to keep our focus on the ultimate goal: eternal life with God in heaven.